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In the examiner's answer of 6/14/07, pages 3-5 the text of the rejection of claim 43 over Braus et al. (US 4847135) in view of Wegner et al. (US 4540630) and Runton et al. (US 3000076) from the final rejection of 1/3/06, page 3, paragraphs 6-7 has been combined with the text of the rejection of claims 22-23, 26-29 and 33 over Braus et al. (US 4847135) in view of Wegner et al. (US 4540630) and Runton et al. (US 3000076) set forth in the final rejection of 3/7/05, pages 2-4, paragraphs 3-4. The text from the rejection of claim 43 can be found at the bottom of page 5 in the examiner's answer of 6/14/07. The rejections were combined for convenience since both rejections are over the exact same references. No new rejections have been added and the rejections are completely consistent with the rejections previously of record now under appeal. The 112 rejections from the final rejection of 1/3/06, pages 2-3, paragraphs 4-5 have been withdrawn.

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